

VETO OF TERRELL CITY CHARTER.

Executive Office, State of Texas,

AUSTIN, April 18, 1879.³⁸

To the Honorable Senate of Texas in Session assembled:

Gentlemen—I herewith return to your honorable body the Senate bill entitled “An act to provide for the dissolution and surrender of the city charter of the city of Terrell, in Kaufman county, and to provide for the payment of the debts due by said city,” without my approval, together with my objections to its becoming a law. It violates the Constitution, inasmuch as it regulates the affairs of the city by a local and special law, wherein a general law can be made applicable. This restriction upon the power of the Legislature is designed to prevent the consumption of time in passage of numerous acts of the kind and to enforce uniformity in the laws of different localities wherever it is practicable to do so. That it is practicable is illustrated by the general law for the incorporation of cities and towns; and though it might seem to be equally proper for that law to embrace provisions for surrendering charters of cities as well as creating them, still, it not having been done, it is a proper subject for a general and not for a local and special law.

O. M. ROBERTS, Governor.

³⁸*Senate Journal*, 941.